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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!
READY, TORCH?
YOU WANT TO GET THE BONFIRE STARTED?

PARTY!

BURN THE SNAKE!

VVRROOM VROOOM

WHHOOO HHOOOO

HAHAHA HAHA

LISTEN TO ME, I DON'T CARE WHAT HE DID, YOU CAN'T KILL--

THUK-

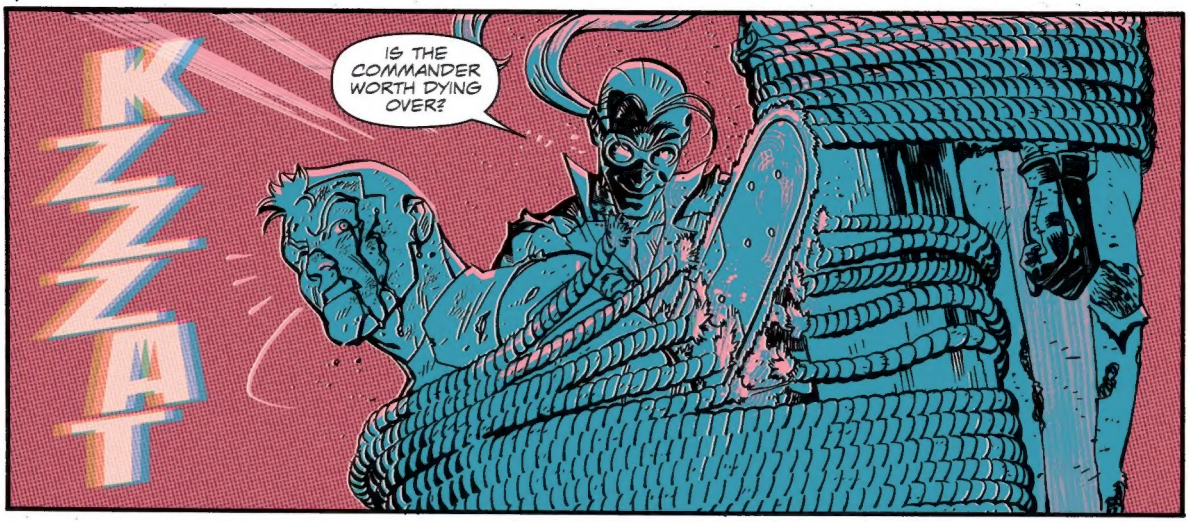
SPLASH!

WHAT YOU PROTECTING THIS **COBRA** FOR, DUKE?

THIS GUY STOLE FROM US. GOT SOME OF OUR PEOPLE **KILLED.** IF THAT ISN'T A REASON TO END THIS GUY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS, MATE?

COBRA COMMANDER KNOWS THINGS. INFORMATION THAT COULD SAVE LIVES...

OH, REALLY?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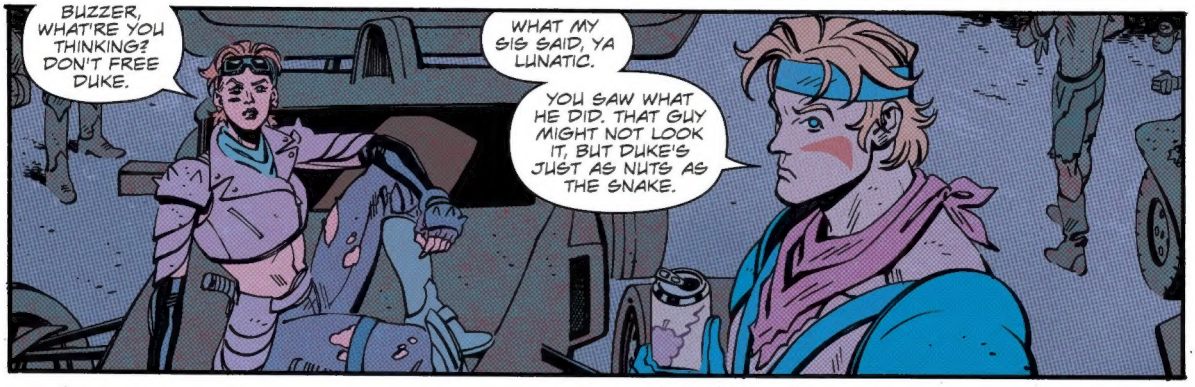
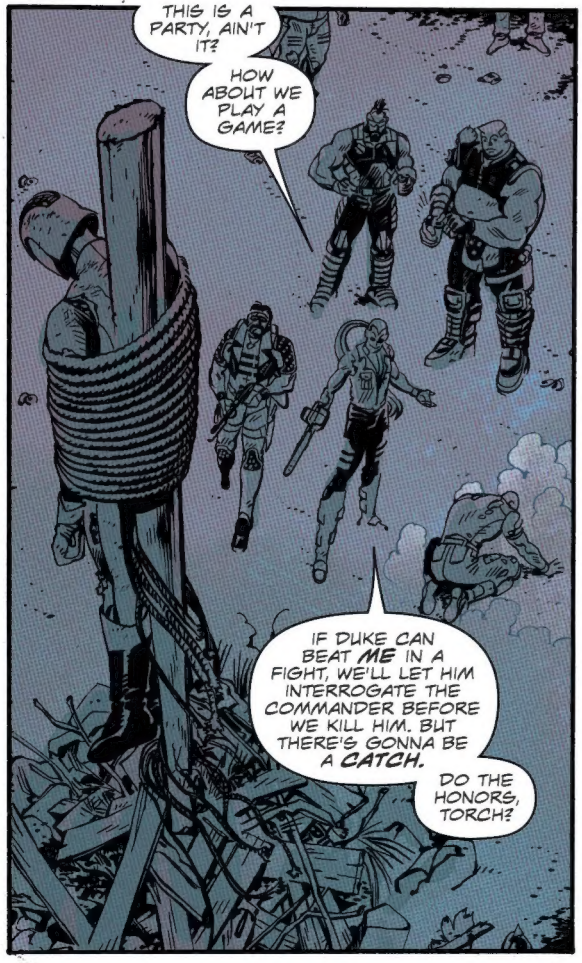

BUZZER, WHAT'RE YOU THINKING? DON'T FREE DUKE.
WHAT MY SIS SAID, YA LUNATIC.
YOU SAW WHAT HE DID. THAT GUY MIGHT NOT LOOK IT, BUT DUKE'S JUST AS NUTS AS THE SNAKE.


THIS IS A PARTY, AIN'T IT?
HOW ABOUT WE PLAY A GAME?
IF DUKE CAN BEAT ME IN A FIGHT, WE'LL LET HIM INTERROGATE THE COMMANDER BEFORE WE KILL HIM. BUT THERE'S GONNA BE A CATCH.
DO THE HONORS, TORCH?

LOVE THE SMELL OF BBQ'D SNAKE...
FFWOOSHHH

ONE OF MY G.I. JOES HAS A ROBOT?

DAMN RIGHT, HAWK. SAW IT WITH MY OWN TWO EYES.
GIANT ROBOT JEEP TOOK OUT A WHOLE COBRA PLATOON.

HM. THAT'S IT? THAT'S THE INFO YOU WANTED TO TRADE?
SOUNDS TO ME LIKE WE HAVE THE UPPER HAND. WHAT COULD YOU OFFER ME, DESTRO?

WEAPONS. THE ADVANCED FIREARMS WE HAVE DEVELOPED.

THOSE GUNS ARE JUST TOYS IF THEY'RE NOT POWERED BY ENERGON.
WITHOUT IT, YOU GOT NOTHING.
AND THE INTEL I HAVE IS THAT COBRA COMMANDER IS THE ONE WHO CONTROLS IT.
WHICH MAKES HIM THE ONE I SHOULD BE TALKING TO.

I'M SORRY, MY LOVE. I HAD HOPED THIS MEETING WOULD BE FRUITFUL.
PERHAPS IT STILL CAN.
MERCER. TAKE CARE OF COLONEL HAWK.

LET'S SEE HOW THE JOES FARE WITHOUT THEIR FEARLESS LEADER?

POW
I'LL BE TAKING THAT.
BANGBANG BANGBANG
BAM BLAM

HOW DID HE--
COBRA! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
GO AFTER HIM!
CHAK!
BANG BANG BANG BANG
NOW!
>HENH.< STILL GOT IT.
WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED?
I DON'T KNOW.
BUT AS MUCH AS I LOATHE TO ADMIT IT, HAWK IS RIGHT...

"WE NEED COBRA COMMANDER."
BZZZZ-
SPIT!
AH!
DAMMIT...
YOU SHOULD BE ON OUR SIDE, MATE. NOT THAT DANG SNAKE.
THE DREADNOKS AREN'T THE BAD GUYS HERE.
WE DON'T CARE ABOUT TAKING OVER THE WORLD. WE DON'T CARE ABOUT HAVING THE BEST TOYS.
WE ONLY CARE ABOUT MONEY AND PARTIES.

YEAH!
AND GRAPE SODA. WE CARE ABOUT GRAPE SODA.
DAMN RIGHT, WE DO.
BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO DEFEND THIS PSYCHO, YOU'RE ALSO GOING TO DIE ALONGSIDE HIM. ALONE IN THIS DESERT.
YOU SEE, MATE?
YOU KNOW... THEY SAY A LOT OF FOLKS FIND THEMSELVES ON THEIR DEATHBEDS FULL OF REGRET.
AND CONSIDERING THIS IS WHERE YOU'RE GONNA DIE... I WONDER IF YOU REGRET SAVING THE COMMANDER?
I NEVER REGRET DOING THE RIGHT THING.
I'LL BE SURE TO CARVE THAT INTO YOUR TOMBSTONE.
BBBBZZZZZ
HEY, WAIT A SEC... YOU HEAR THAT?
AIN'T THAT JUST YOUR CHAINSAW, MATE?
NO... THAT'S THE GREATEST SOUND OF ALL...

VVVVRRRRRR

YO JOE!

TIME TO NUT UP, OR SHUT UP! GRAB YA GUNS!

I SEE DUKE!

THOOM!

FLIM-TOOSH.

THUMP!

I DON'T THINK THAT'S COBRA!

DREADNOKS! WE OUTNUMBER THEM!

LIGHT THEM UP!
WE SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT A TANK, BARONESS.
THIS IS THE BEST WE COULD DO ON SHORT NOTICE, RISK!
GET OFF MY LLAAWWWWNNNN!!!
BANGBANG BANGBANG BANGBANG BANGBANG
ANYONE WANT TO EXPLAIN WHAT THE HELL WE DROPPED OURSELVES INTO HERE?

MY GUESS, STALKER, IS THAT IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH...
BANG BANG BANG BANG
COBRA COMMANDER.
OH, HELL NO, YOU AIN'T GETTING AWAY, YA BLOODY SNAKE!
DON'T LET BUZZER GO ALONE!
HELP HIM GET THE BASTARD!
JOES... STOP THEM... THEY'LL KILL HIM...
NOT SO FAST, BLONDIE!
YOUR FRIENDS ARE TRYING TO HURT...

MY NEW FRIENDS!

LET'S SHOW THEM THAT WE WERE PLAYING WITH ENERGON LONG BEFORE THE COMMANDER STOLE IT FROM US.

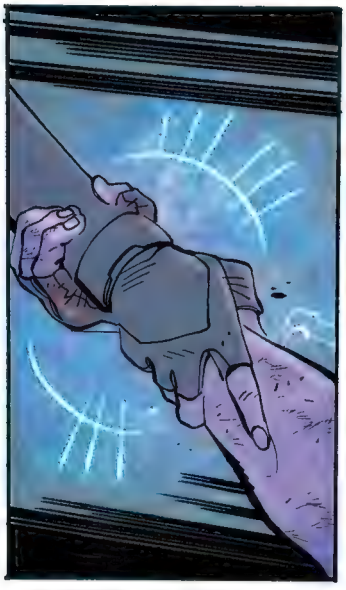
LET'S MAKE SOME THUNDER.

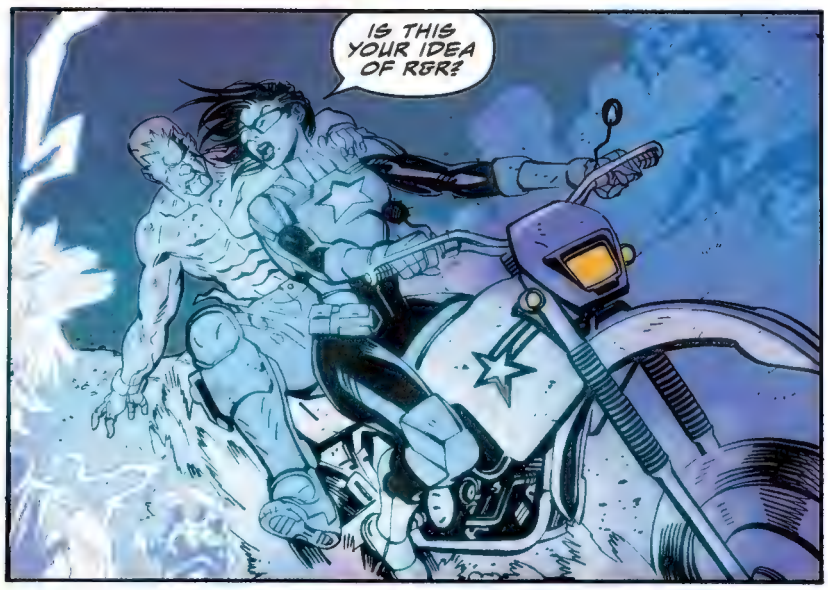
READY, SISTER?

ZAP

BOOM

KRAKA KAKAKA
KRAKA KAKAKA
WHAT THE HELL?
KRAKA KAKAKA
IS THAT ENERGON?!
KRAKA
JAGUH!
GUH-GUHGUH-GUH
CONRAD!

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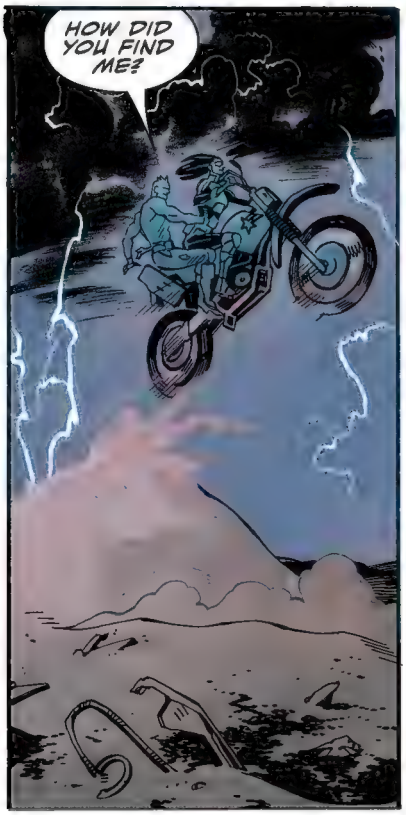
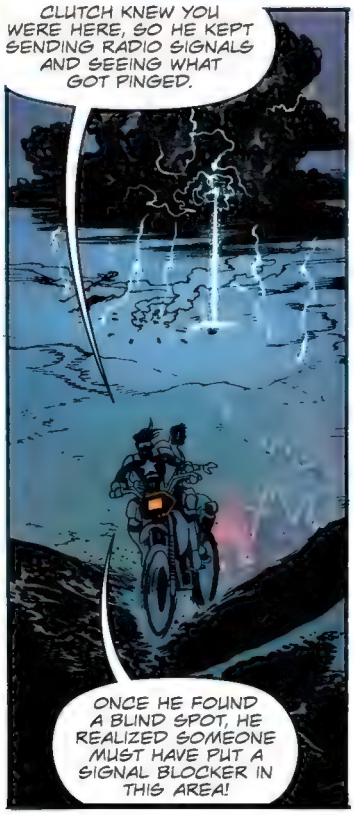
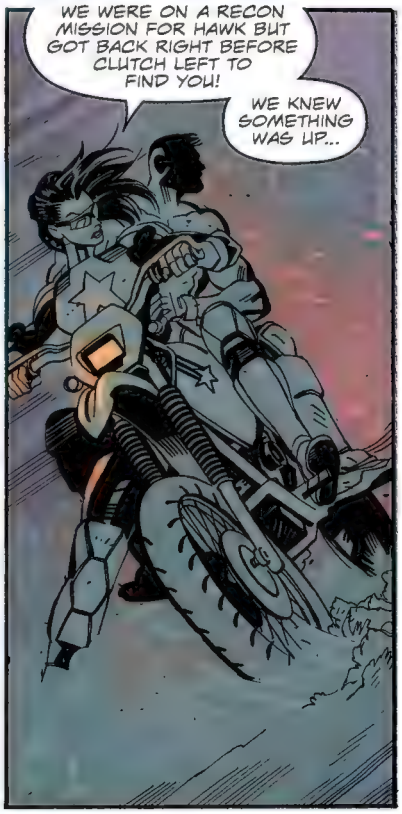
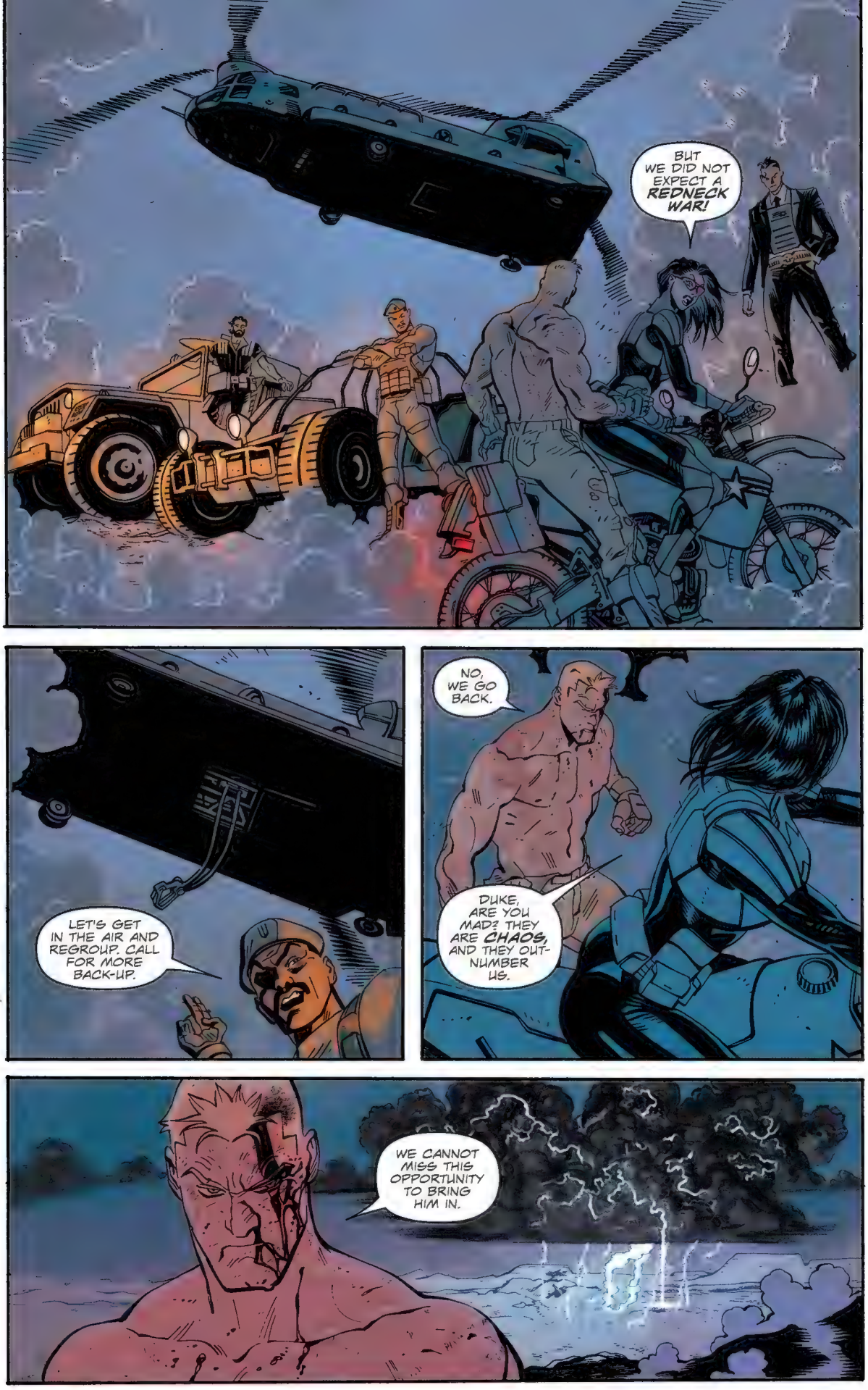
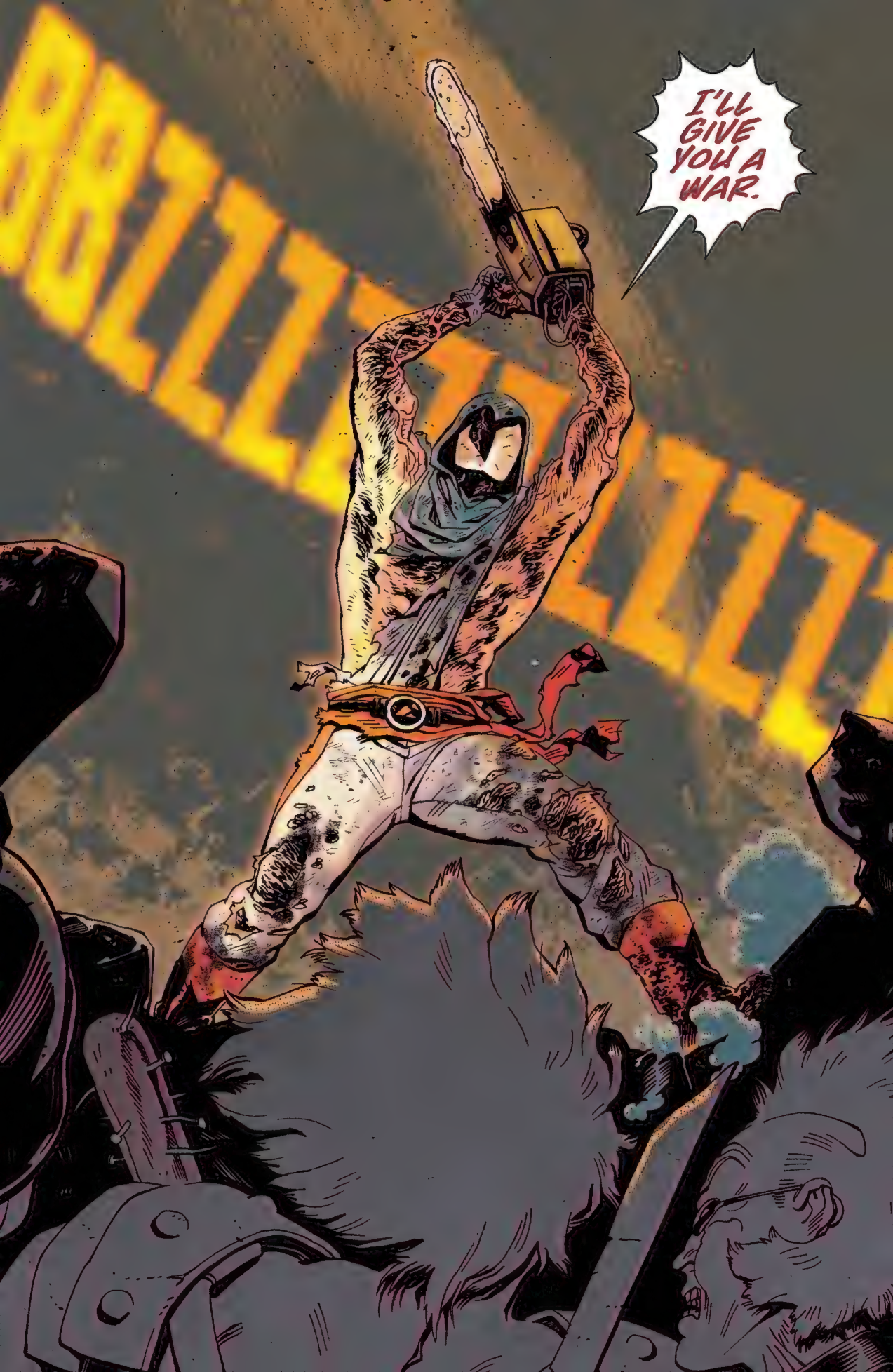

HOW DID YOU FIND ME?


CLUTCH KNEW YOU WERE HERE, SO HE KEPT SENDING RADIO SIGNALS AND SEEING WHAT GOT PINGED.
ONCE HE FOUND A BLIND SPOT, HE REALIZED SOMEONE MUST HAVE PUT A SIGNAL BLOCKER IN THIS AREA!


WE WERE ON A RECON MISSION FOR HAWK BUT GOT BACK RIGHT BEFORE CLUTCH LEFT TO FIND YOU!
WE KNEW SOMETHING WAS UP...


BUT WE DID NOT EXPECT A REDNECK WAR!
LET'S GET IN THE AIR AND REGROUP. CALL FOR MORE BACK-UP.
NO, WE GO BACK.
DUKE, ARE YOU MAD? THEY ARE CHAOS, AND THEY OUT-NUMBER US.
WE CANNOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BRING HIM IN.

WHERE THE HELL IS HE?
WHERE'S BUZZER?
UHHHH...
MAYBE BUZZER ALREADY CAUGHT THAT SNAKE.
I DOUBT HE PUT UP MUCH OF A FIGHT...HE DOESN'T HAVE THAT GUY WITH WINGS ANYMORE TO DEFEND HIM...
THAT'S WHY HE RAN AWAY!
I DO NOT RUN.
CAN'T WAIT TO GET OUR HANDS ON THAT GUY.
MAKE HIM PAY FOR WHAT HE DID. HE WENT TO WAR WITH THE WRONG FAMILY.
YOU WANT A WAR WITH ME?
VVVVRRRRRR


I'LL GIVE YOU A WAR.

STRAIGHT SHOOTERS

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Is that final page maybe the best cliffhanger ever?! Tom and Jordie really nailed the *Texas Chain Saw Massacre* vibes, haha.

So, I have some sad news, due to the nature of the double shipping of this arc, we've run out of letters to print, nooo! So PLEASE keep them coming, but in the meantime, I thought I'd share Tom's killer design for Road Pig (as so many people have commented on his look, I thought I'd share the full design).

See you next issue!
-Ben

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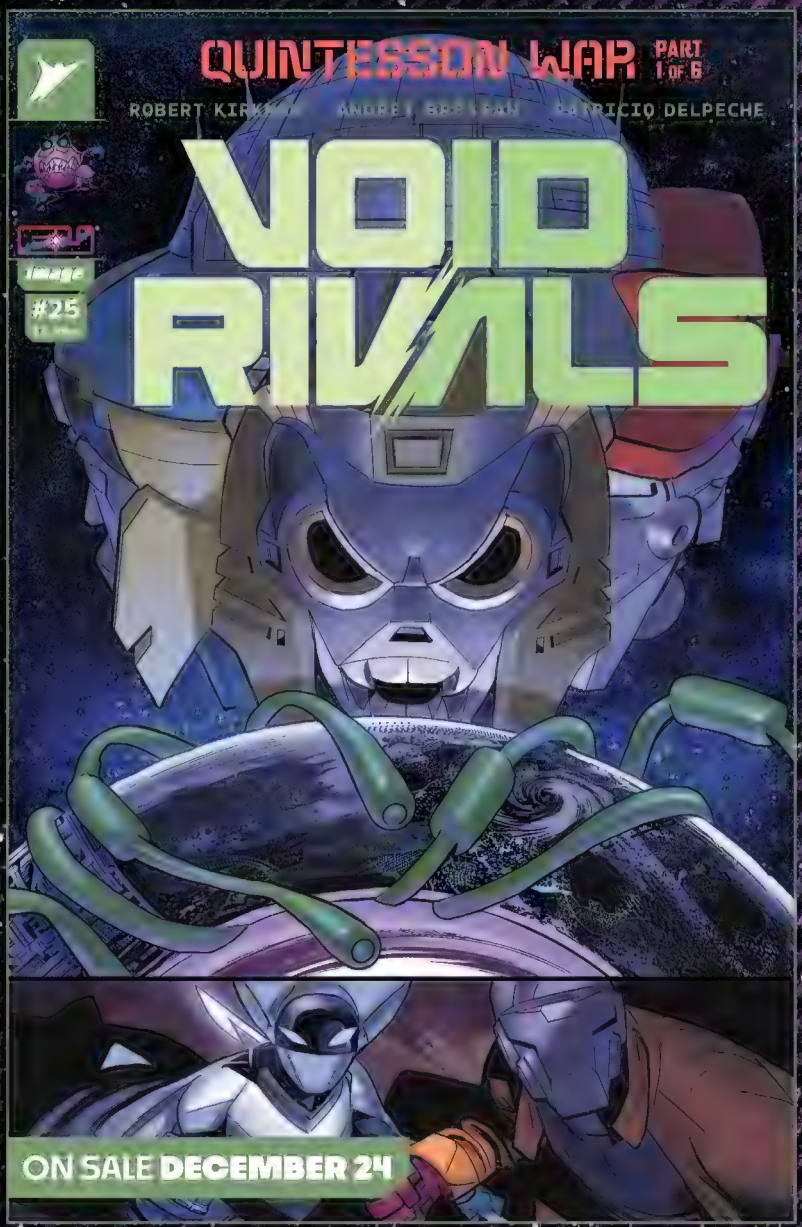

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Our high octane, double-shipping Dreadnok War is absolutely bruising to read, and Joshua, Tom, Jordie and Rus are firing on all cylinders! But with all the blood and dirt flying in the desert with Duke and Cobra Commander trying to survive, don't lose sight of what's happening with Cobra and Colonel Hawk...

Ben!

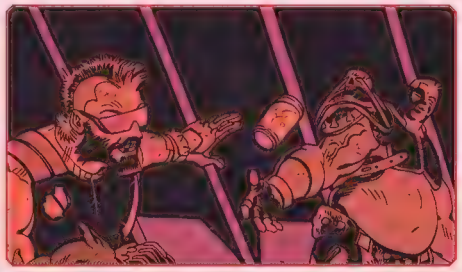
-Ben Abernathy, Executive Editor

CHARACTER SPOTLIGHT

WHO: Road Pig

WHERE: Road Pig will do anything to protect his home from intruders as Duke and Cobra Commander learned the hard way!

WHAT: A mountain of a man with a houseful of pigs and living in a remote part of the desert, Road Pig is a mysterious new ally to the Dreadnoks...



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One of the most enduring elements of the Dreadnoks is their love of grape soda. For over 40 years this motley crew has bonded and partied with this deliciously specific flavor. Cheers to a friendship that runs deeper than blood!

CREATOR SPOTLIGHT

This month, I ask our amazing G.I. JOE artist, Tom Reilly, the most important question of all!

Q: Tom, now that you've drawn dozens and dozens of pages of Dreadnok War...who is your favorite Dreadnok?

A: It's gotta be Ripper for me! He's always fun to draw, I really enjoyed coming up with his design for the book. And I feel like he's a very versatile character, you can play it straight with him or play him for laughs, and it feels like it works either way.

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ZERTONIA.
GULAN, I HEAR YOUR CONCERNS. OUR CITY IS IN SHAMBLES. OUR DEFENSES ARE DOWN.
YES, MULAK. THE PEOPLE ARE TERRIFIED. SOME ARE TOO SCARED TO LEAVE THEIR DWELLINGS.
CULAH, I UNDERSTAND THIS IS A HUGE STEP BACK AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF ENERGON.
KANELA, YOU ASK ME IF I HAVE A PLAN FOR MOVING FORWARD IN THE WAKE OF THIS DISASTER.
I AM...
CONSIDERING MANY OPTIONS. ZERTA HAS BETRAYED US. OUR BELIEFS HAVE BEEN SHAKEN TO THEIR VERY CORE. WE MAY BE ENTERING A LONG PERIOD OF UPHEAVAL.
WE MUST PREPARE FOR--
SHRAKK!

DEATH TO ZALILAK!!
DEATH TO THE BETRAYER!!

THUNK!

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